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It is respectfully requested that the application be amended, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of any subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

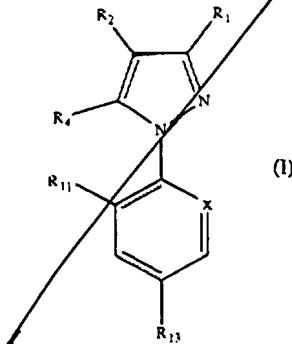
Please cancel all pending claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of any subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, and kindly add new claims 84 - 96 as follows:

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84. A method for distributing an active agent over a pet's body and/or in sebaceous glands of the pet and thereby control fleas and ticks or eliminate fleas and ticks from the pet to ensure more than six months of efficacy of greater than 95% against fleas, as determined in a test providing the reinfestation of the pet with 100 ± 10 fleas, and more than three months of efficacy of greater than 90% against ticks, as determined in a test providing the reinfestation of the pet with 50 ± 3 ticks, comprising attaching to the pet a collar having a matrix into which is incorporated from 0.1 to 40% by weight, relative to the collar, of the active agent against fleas and ticks, wherein this active agent comprises at least one compound corresponding to formula (I) below in which R_1 is CN, R_2 is $S(O)_nR_3$, R_3 is haloalkyl, R_4 is NH_2 , R_{11} is a halogen atom, R_{13} is haloalkyl, and n is an integer equal to 0, 1 or 2.

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85. ² A method for distributing an active agent over a pet's body and/or in sebaceous glands of the pet and thereby control fleas and ticks on or eliminate fleas and ticks from the pet to ensure more than six months of efficacy of greater than 95% against fleas, as determined in a test providing the reinfestation of the pet with 100 ± 10 fleas, and more than three months of efficacy of greater than 90% against ticks, as determined in a test providing the reinfestation of the pet with 50 ± 3 ticks, comprising attaching to the pet a collar having a matrix into which is incorporated from 0.1 to 40% by weight, relative to the collar, of the active agent against fleas and ticks, wherein this active agent comprises 1-[2,6-Cl₂ 4-CF₃ phenyl] 3-CN 4-[SO-CF₃] 5-NH₂ pyrazole, and whose common name is Fipronil.

86. ³ The method according to claim ⁸⁴ ¹ wherein R₁₃ = CF₃.

87. The method of claim ⁸⁴ ¹ or ⁸⁵ ² wherein the active agent is present in an amount of from 1 to 15% by weight.

88. The method of claim ⁸⁴ ¹ or ⁸⁵ ² wherein the active agent is present in an amount of from 1.25 to 10% by weight.